

Dear CALFED SEP 22 1999 // /

As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century CALFED needs to emphasize long-term, economically, and environmentally sound solutions, such as water conservation. I currently live in the southern San Joaquin Valley and we do not require metering of water. Simply installing meters in many of our larger cities, such as Fresno and Visalia would greatly reduce waste and save water. As a resident of these areas I support paying volume-based water rates.

In addition, farmers using available proven technologies and methods of water conservation, could easily reduce water use by 10 to 30% with no economic sacrifice. Please consider these long-term solutions and give them a chance before investing in new or expanded dams, canals, & reservoirs. Conservation does work! Sincerely, Gia Mungo